



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:  
JÖRG THÖMMES ET AL.

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Title: Method of Purifying Polypeptides By Simulated Moving Bed Chromatography

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated March 31, 2006, and is timely filed, as it is accompanied by a petition for an extension of time to file in the third month, and the requisite fee.